

# WILL CONFISCATE ALL COAL

## 'You Can Lock Your Door Against A Thief But Damn A Liar'-Lashar

### REVENUE AGENTS TO VISIT ALL SALOONS IN STATE TOMORROW

Will Ascertain If There is Full Compliance with National Prohibition Enforcement Law—Collector Walsh Issues This Order Today.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 30.—Every saloon in the state will be visited Friday morning by agents of the internal revenue department, aided by state and city police, to see that there is full compliance with the national prohibition enforcement law. This was announced today by James J. Walsh, internal revenue collector for the district of Connecticut, following a conference this morning between Mr. Walsh, Assistant United States Attorney Geo. H. Cohen and agents of the revenue and justice departments.

More than fifty agents were assembled at the collector's office, whom Mr. Walsh gave instructions at the proper enforcement of the law. The prohibition law became effective Tuesday afternoon at 3:40, said Mr. Walsh today. Immediately upon receipt of this news from Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper at Washington Mr. Walsh's men began investigation. Some saloons were visited Wednesday, he said. "Hereafter," said Mr. Walsh, "saloon men will sell liquor on their own responsibility. If any violations are found, proprietors will be warned that the law is to be enforced to its full extent. We won't make arrests on technicalities. Offenders who have been warned and again found selling will be brought before the courts."

Mr. Walsh's office has been besieged by saloon men and others seeking answers to questions concerning individual saloons. Since he is unable to answer all of these inquiries at the time they are made, he said today, that he would endeavor to do so through the press.

### SUGAR SHORTAGE ALARMS STORES AND RESTAURANTS

The scarcity of sugar continues to worry restaurant and storekeepers while several large wholesale houses have promised relief by the first of November the business men cannot see just where it is coming from.

Sugar has become so scarce in Bridgeport now that the larger restaurants of the city have placed various restrictions on the use of the much sought sweets. Bowls and jars have disappeared from the tables and in their place the waiter bringing an envelope containing just sugar for one cup of coffee.

Officials of the Davy Brothers and the Logan chain stores in Bridgeport say that they cannot secure a large enough shipment to last their stores more than a day.

Inquiry among the wholesale grocers in Bridgeport disclosed the fact that there is very little sugar in the local market and that there will be little or no sugar in this city for the Christmas trade.

Miner, Read & Tullock say that they are entirely out of sugar at the present time but expect a small shipment in a few days which they will distribute among their customers and that they will be unable to give more than 50 pounds to any one groceryman.

The sugar will not be distributed this year on certificates as it was last year but the Government Equalization board will allow each wholesaler an amount proportionate to the amount he has sold last November and must do him for the month. This amount the wholesaler will distribute to the retailer on the same plan and the retailer can dispose of it as he likes.

### TO TRY PAIGE FOR MURDER

New York, Oct. 30.—Edward R. Paige of New Haven, Conn., the 19-year old youth indicted for the murder of his employer, Gardner C. Bull, on July 11, must stand trial for first degree murder. The lunacy commission appointed to examine him reported today that he was sane. His trial has been set for November 10.

### 20 Miners Entombed In Shaft

Fire Breaks Out Almost Suffocating Rescuing Party

### COAL ABLAZE IN ENTIRE WORKINGS

Stevensville, Ohio, Oct. 30.—After holding their way to within 150 feet of where 20 miners have been imprisoned since yesterday morning, rescue workers were ordered out of the Y & O No. 2 mine at Amsterdam, Ohio, at 4 o'clock this morning by mine officials and state mine inspectors, who feared an explosion might occur, according to word received here. Hope has been abandoned that the miners are alive.

Of the 21 miners trapped in the Y & O coal mine yesterday when an electric generator exploded and set fire to the main interior only one has made his escape to the surface. He emerged last night, saying he had been pulled out of the shaft by his mate while he lay on the floor of a mine car. He was badly burned.

Rescue parties worked all night long in the gas filled mine. At two o'clock this morning they reached a point 150 feet distant from entry number 15, west, in which the 20 miners were supposed to be held prisoner.

Fire broke out then behind the rescue party and its members were forced to fight their way through flames and smoke, many narrowly escaping suffocation.

Subsequent attempts to rescue the entombed men failing, the officials at daybreak ordered the men to leave the mine. Coal was afire throughout the entire workings and the mine was filled with gas.

### FAMOUS POETESS DIED TODAY AT BRANFORD HOME

Mrs. Wilcox Never Fully Recovered From Nervous Collapse

New Haven, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, author and poetess, died at her home, "The Bungalow," in Branford today. Mrs. Wilcox had been ill for some months, having had a nervous collapse while engaged in war relief work in England.

Mrs. Wilcox had been constantly under medical care for nine months. In July she was brought to Branford in fulfillment of a desire to be in her own home, the place where most of her literary work had been done, and where with Mr. Wilcox she had entertained friends from all over the world.

Mrs. Wilcox was in her 64th year and a native of Johnstown Center, Wisconsin. Her literary work embraced a large number of books both prose and poetry and she was a contributor to many publications.

For surviving relatives are a brother and a sister in the West. After cremation of the body the ashes will probably be taken to Short Beach and placed in a niche in the granite ledge near "The Bungalow."

The sickle will then be sealed. This was done with the ashes of Mr. Wilcox.

With Mrs. Wilcox's death it became known that by deed executed since her husband's death, the estate had passed to Mrs. W. H. Ritter, a relative. Mrs. Wilcox having retained the right of use during lifetime.

### NOTHING NEW ON HINKOWITZ MURDER CASE

Officials who are working on the Hinkowitz murder mystery announced today that there have been no new developments in the case during the past two days New York detectives and state policemen are still in this vicinity however, and have not given up hope of obtaining some clue which will lead to apprehension of more persons connected with the crime.

Eleven persons were arrested last week in connection with the murder case still being in custody, but no further arrests have been made according to a report which was given at this month.

### Walter B. Lashar Charges City Government Side Tracked Five Cent Fare For Seven Months

So Far As Any Action Is Concerned the Five Cent Fare Report Has No Existence for the City Administration.

Walter B. Lashar, in a statement addressed to The Times, takes issue with the Republican Town Committee, in a communication which concludes, "You can lock your door against a thief, but damn a liar." The Town Committee, in a public advertisement, accused Mr. Lashar of favoring the zone system in Bridgeport. Mr. Lashar is the author of the Lashar report, which recommends three and five minute headway, and a five cent fare for Bridgeport, and he resents reading that he is for the six, the eight, the ten and the twelve cent fare. His statement follows:

### "The Plain Unvarnished Truth"

The Republican Town Committee has published a whole page advertisement jammed full of words.

It is headed: "The Plain, Unvarnished Truth Nailed Down to Brass Tacks."

This must be a new kind of truth. Most of us have heard of lies being nailed down to brass tacks, but not specified usually.

But truth, whether plain or fancy, varnished or unvarnished, "nailed down to brass tacks," is brand new.

One has a picture of poor, marred truth, in the hands of the Republican Town Committee, who ruthlessly mutilated and nailed down with some kind of fastener. The committee doesn't even nail with brass tacks but just "to brass tacks." There seems to be a subtle difference.

One suspects that the Republican Town Committee wants to say it is telling the truth. But a plain, simple, straightforward statement of facts seems beyond the author of the page of words.

Take one paragraph in relation to the trolley situation:

"The zone system is backed by Charles G. Sanford, trustee of the Connecticut Company, and Walter B. Lashar, Director of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. Co."

Plainly the Republican town committee knows there are five trustees of the Connecticut Co. and it will probably pain Mr. Hines to be told that I am Director of the New Haven Railroad.

Frankly, I am surprised to learn that I am backing the zone system. So will the trustees of the Connecticut Co. and I believe, most of the people of Bridgeport.

I was thoroughly convinced that I am opposing the zone system for Bridgeport, and that I have been hammering the six-cent fare ever since it was first proposed.

Maybe I am laboring under a delusion in believing that the mayor appointed me chairman of a Traffic Commission which put up with a hard work, and that the mayor complimented me last March for the exhaustive report we made, a report which showed how Bridgeport can have the five-cent fare.

Apparently the Republican town committee knows nothing of such a report. So far as any action is concerned the report certainly has no existence for the city administration.

You can lock your door against a thief, but damn a liar.

### MAYOR HYLAN TRIES TO PLAN FOR CONFERENCE

New York, Oct. 30.—Mayor Hylan today made another effort to arrange a conference with shipping authorities here in the hope of settling the longshoremen's strike, now in progress more than three weeks. The attempt to reopen negotiations was made by the mayor after he had received word from the longshoremen's union that they would consider a compromise on the wage controversy.

### ROYAL BELGIANS SOON TO LEAVE

Washington, Oct. 30.—The visit of the Belgian royal family to America drew near its end today. This, the last full day of their stay in this country, provided a diversified program, including an informal tea at the White House at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Wilson and a visit to the naval academy at Annapolis by King Albert and Crown Prince Leopold.

### LASHAR 5 CENT FARE REPORT

Following are some of the recommendations made in the Lashar report, which was made to the Common Council, March 3, 1919. The City government has paid no attention to this report from that day to this. Some of the statements and recommendations in the report are as follows:

The service is entirely inadequate. Cars run on ten and fifteen minute headways. Cars should run on three and five minute headways. The six cent fare is futile and useless. It will not benefit the company.

More safety cars should be used. A five cent fare should be appointed. A committee should be named to carry out the recommendations.

The city attorney should apply to the U. S. Circuit Court for a modification of decree, so that Bridgeport may be set off for independent operation for a thirty day period.

### HAROLD GOT HIS AND SOME GOT PACKARDS AND DODGES; MAYOR ALWAYS GAVE WAIVERS

### 350,000 Miners To Walk Out

Executive Board States No Development Could Stop Strike

### OPERATORS CAN SHORTEN TIEUP

Indianapolis, Oct. 30.—Backed by sentiment displayed in yesterday's conference of officials of the union, the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America met here today to finish preparatory work incidental to the coming strike of bituminous coal miners. No development could avert a strike, it was stated, but some change in the attitude of the operators might result in the shortening of the tieup, according to union men.

A few of the district presidents and members of the scale committee remained over for today's meeting, but most of them were enroute to their home districts to direct the locals in putting the strike into effect.

More than 350,000 bituminous miners will be affected by the strike order and an immediate and complete tieup of the soft coal industry is predicted by the union leaders. They expressed confidence that several thousand non-union miners would follow the organized men in their walkout.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 30.—The dawn of Saturday will find more than 100,000 coal miners of Western and Central Pennsylvania and West Virginia on strike, according to officers of the United Mine Workers of America, in the two districts, who have declared that the men will obey orders of their leaders to walk out.

In the Pittsburgh district alone there were 30,000 miners ready to quit work at the hour set for the strike, according to union representatives, while in the central and western Pennsylvania fields many of the 150,000 men were not expected to enter the mines during the first few days of the walkout.

Union leaders in the West Virginia fields have announced that they expect 54,000 miners to answer strike, and operators said that part of the 3,000 union men in the non-union fields of that state might walk out.

### NEW EXPRESS REGULATIONS.

New York, Oct. 30.—Attention was called by the American Railway Express Company here today to the new regulations, effective December 10, which prevent the shipment of all express packages over 25 pounds unless packed in wooden containers or cartons of fireboard, pulp board or corrugated straw board material of specified "test strength." The new regulations do not affect shipments under 25 pounds.

### MANY NEW ARRESTS.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Many new arrests in a number of states for violations of the food and fuel control law are expected soon by the Department of Justice.

At two rallies, last night Allen E. Vincent, Democratic Fusion and Labor candidate for mayor, promised to use a strong broom, when he goes into the city hall. Mr. Vincent said he believes that Sunday baseball and Sunday pictures are wholesome for the community.

Alderman John Cornell continued his interesting exposure of the doings of Brother Harold on the Grand street bridge.

This interesting young man, who has the distinction of being the mayor's brother, drew a large salary on the bridge, and owned as well a mud boat, worth about \$3,000, which was rented to the city at \$35 a day, with pump to keep it afloat.

Buying automobiles was one of the City Hall recreations. Packards and Dodges were preferred, and the mayor would have no bidding, or competition. Mr. Cornell produced a sample of the waiver. Everybody called it a scream. Here it is:

July 21, 1918.  
"Hon. C. B. Wilson,  
"Bridgeport, Conn.  
"Dear Mayor:

"I hereby respectfully ask your permission to purchase a Dodge touring car for the street department at a cost of \$500. My reason for not advertising this is that I have a Dodge car at present which is in very bad condition and it will cost about \$300 to overhaul but can turn this in toward the purchase of another car and be allowed \$550 for same. This will give me practically a new car at the expense of the city of \$500.

"Respectfully,  
"THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM."  
"I hereby approve of above purchase."  
(Signed)  
"CLIFFORD B. WILSON,  
July 29, 1918."

The site of the isolation hospital was bought of the Dewhurst estate. Nine days before the purchase the property had been valued to the Probate Court, by the appraisers as worth \$1,000. It was purchased by the city for \$20,000.

### LEWIS MAKES DIRECT ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 30.—A direct attack upon President Wilson's course in the coal strike situation as the "climax of a long series of attempted usurpations of executive power," was made today by John L. Lewis, acting president, and the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America. The attack came in a long telegram to Secretary of Labor Wilson, replying to a message from him delivered to the conference here yesterday of some four score officials and leaders of the union.

### FAVORABLE REPORT ON DEPORTATION

Washington, Oct. 30.—At the request of Attorney General Palmer the Senate immigration committee today ordered a favorable report on the House bill providing for deportation and permanent exclusion from the United States of alien anarchists.

### GOVERNMENT ACTS QUICKLY TO MEET STRIKE SITUATION

Re-establishment of Priorities List of Fuel Administration to Keep Railroads, Public Utilities and Essential Industries Going.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Federal government agencies moved swiftly today to meet the situation which will result from the strike of bituminous coal miners Saturday.

Developments included: "Orders to railroads to confiscate all coal in transit if necessary to build up and reserve for operation of the roads.

Re-establishment of the priorities list of the fuel administration by the department of justice to punish those guilty of profiteering and hoarding.

Preparation of an executive order establishing maximum prices for coal and completion of plans by the department of justice to punish those guilty of profiteering and hoarding.

Announcement by Secretary Lane that the government would not hesitate to curtail consumption of coal in industries 50 per cent, so that essential industries might be kept in operation.

General discussion of the situation by President Wilson's cabinet which met in special session at the call of Secretary Lansing.

Working out of plans by which miners who wish to continue work, including that of federal troops, should that become necessary.

At the conclusion of the special cabinet meeting, Attorney General Palmer announced that the fuel administrator would take control of the handling of the coal and would use his authority under the Lever Act to take whatever steps might be necessary to meet the situation.

"In order to interfere as little as possible with the normal course of coal traffic, the railroad administration up to the present time, has permitted coal to go to the designated consignees. For the last two weeks open top equipment has been devoted to coal leading to the exclusion of other classes of traffic and the movement of such equipment has been expedited so as to facilitate the maximum production of coal. The result has been an exceptionally heavy coal production.

"If having become necessary, however, to be prepared to insure against all temporary contingencies, that the transportation service be protected, regional directors have now been instructed to see that each railroad shall accumulate a necessary reserve of coal when it is not already on hand, purchasing such coal if possible and otherwise holding coal in transit. The practice thus resorted to is a practice which railroads have always employed in emergencies whether under private or public control and has been recognized as an indispensable part of the maintenance of an essential public service.

"In holding such coal, exemptions will be made as far as possible of coal destined to certain classes of consignees in the following order of priority which is the basis of priority adopted during the war by the fuel administration:

"1.—Steam railroads; inland and coastwise vessels.

"2.—Domestic, including hotels, hospitals and asylums.

"3.—Navy and army.

"4.—Public utilities, including plants and such portions of plants as supply light, heat and water for public use.

"5.—Producers and manufacturers of food, including refrigeration.

"6.—National, state, county and municipal government emergency requirements.

"7.—Bunkers and other marine emergency requirements not specified above.

"8.—Producers of newspaper papers and plants necessary to the printing and publication of daily newspapers.

"Coal held in transit is not to be unloaded in storage nor use until actually needed, so that if its use is later found necessary it can be forwarded to destination whenever practicable.

"Instructions issued provide that there will be as little disturbance as possible in the distribution of coal but at the same time protecting the necessities of the railroads, which have a public duty to perform."

Washington, Oct. 30.—The first subject on today's program of the international labor conference was the settlement of the question of the admission of German and Austrian representatives to the conference.

### Three Out For Coley's Place Here

Lieutenants Pulling Wires for Appointment Is Rumor

### BENNEDITTI NOW HAS INSIDE TRACK

Lieutenants and seven sergeants of police have already commenced to work political wires for the appointment to succeed to Captain George B. Coley, who died here suddenly last Monday. It is understood that the Republican machine has hung up the candidacy as a prize for the lieutenant or officer doing the best work for the campaign.

The two most prominently mentioned in Bridgeport now for the much coveted post are Lieutenant George Benneditti and Lieutenant James O'Neil. Both are also being groomed for the job in the latest rumor.

The police believe that all three men stand about an equal chance for the position with Lieutenant Benneditti perhaps having just a shade on the other two.

The first of headquarters precinct and some of the biggest politicians in the city are openly favoring Benneditti for the position while the plain clothes men and the majority of the sergeants are favoring Lieut. O'Neil. The most of the patrolmen in the outside precincts are laying their chances with Lieutenant O'Neil.

Political gossip in Bridgeport has it that Lieutenant Benneditti can have the position if he wants it but in some mysterious manner it is believed that greater things have been promised him by the administration if they win at the polls next Tuesday and he may not care to accept the place.

### M'MAHON HEIRS SEEK DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE

The Four Daughters Bring Friendly Suit Against Sisters

The six daughters of the late John H. McMahon of the firm of McMahon & Wren filed papers in the Superior court today asking for a partition of valuable real estate now held by them as tenants in common. It is a friendly action started for the purpose of giving each daughter her respective share of the property. In case the partition could not be made without material injury to the property the court is asked to order a sale and a division of the proceeds.

The suit is brought by Alice E. Gaynor, Gertrude E. McCarthy, Josephine L. Lalley and Theresa L. Lawler, all of this city, against Anna G. McMahon of this city and Mary C. Bmt of Seattle, Wash.

The property consists of the following pieces: Homestead on State street near West avenue; Main and Catherine streets; Catherine street and Washington avenue; Jackson avenue; dock property on south side of Stratford avenue; land in Wallingford and Southington.

### NORTH RUSSIAN ARMY ADVANCES

Archangel, Wednesday, Oct. 25.—A further advance of the North Russian army is reported by the general staff today. Its statement claims that the anti-Bolshevik forces have reached Brumcheff, 150 versts south of Onga, where they have formed a junction with the forces operating on the railway front. In the Onga sector the capture of 2,000,000 cartridges, 1,000 shells and other booty is reported.

### MOBILIZE NATIONAL GUARD.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 30.—Mobilization of the Colorado National Guard for the protection of miners who wish to work in case a strike of soft coal miners occurs November 1 was begun today upon instructions from Governor Shoup.

The National Guard, approximately 1,200 strong, is ordered to mobilize at Golden and Trinidad by Friday night.